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Mr. Whitney Rick, Chief
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Cotton Program
Agricultural Marketing Service
USDA, Stop 0224
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20250-0244

RE: Docket number (CN-01-002), March 26, 2001,
page number 16440 and 16441 of the Federal
Register, volume 66

Dear Mr

The Cotton Research and Promotion Program is now being appraised by USDA. Please know that I am strongly in favor of continuing the Research and Promotion program without a referendum at this time.

U. S. per capita cotton consumption has doubled in the past ten years - now standing at thirty-seven pounds per consumer annually. The agricultural research impact of Cotton Incorporated has been very significant and has reduced our cost of production. All of the cotton growers in my area are strong advocates of the Cotton Research and Promotion Program and wish it to continue without a referendum.

Sincerely yours,



Frank M. Mitchener

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